






Six years ago, South Fulton High underwent a dramatic change. 1970 was the year that Russell and South Fulton became sister schools, with Russell adopting both schools' upper classes and South Fulton taking the eighth grades.

South Fulton differs from the traditional middle school in that most junior highs have three grades and South Fulton has only one. The eighth grade is a formative year, a time when children become young adults. At South Fulton, isolated from other age groups, students can make a smooth growth from elementary school to high school.

South Fulton is an experiment - for the county, for students, and for teachers. It is a school where students are both freshmen and seniors at once. It is a place where friendships are made to last for all time.



Elementary school was a ladder. Seven years of climbing were necessary to reach the top rung. South Fulton gives kids a chance to pause between ladders - to consider what's ahead before stepping on.
''It's good for the kids to have a transition period,'" says math teacher, Henry Porter, one of two teachers who have been at South Fulton through its five years as an all eighth grade school. ' They can get themselves together before going to a full high school. The disadvantage I see is teachers don't have enough time to get to know the kids.'


"We're lucky to work with such a small group that is not influenced by older kids." That is Beverly Bell talking. Bell teaches social science and sponsors the student council. She adds: 'It's
a homey atmosphere."


Willson Hahn teaches CVAE at South Fulton one period out of the day. Her other school hours are spent teaching CVAE at Russell. Her trips from school to school made her the perfect candidate to be asked about the all-eighth grade system. "'It's a little cocoon," she said.



''Unique" is a recurring word in teachers' descriptions of South Fulton. Betty Stein, once a teacher at Russell, comments, ' 'South Fulton allows for a unique learning environment, where teachers can focus on the particular needs common to eighth graders, while preparing them for the future learning experience in high school."

Typing teacher, Susan Cowart, says with a smile, "It's a unique experience."
She may be right.



This, then, is South Fulton:
A dynamic learning experience in which teachers and students harmonize their efforts, producing results that have been talked about and respected throughout the community. Elementary school behind them, high school ahead, they have broken pace just a moment to breathe.

The children are not children any more.


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Henry Porter thoughtfully contemplates his years of coaching football.



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It is hoped that this pictorial compilation will call to mind the happy moments of days now past and renew in the reader, the ambitions, hopes and aspirat ons of youth.

As you leave South Fulton to pursue futher, your educ ticnal goals, the staff and administration wish for each of you many successes.

I hope you have enjoyed your stay at South Fulton as much as we have enjoyed your being here.

Best wishes.

Frank Sims

Sometimes I feel like I'm on "Welcome Back, Kotter," the television show where Gabe Kaplan plays a teacher at the high school he graduated from. I was among the first class to attend south Fulton after its conversion to an all eighth grade school, and this year I returned to teach the annual staff.

We didn't have an annual that first year, which is something all of us miss. Only five years have expired, but already names and faces have begun to fade. A yearbook would have saved those memories, but, as I said, we didn't have one. The kids I worked with this year put a lot of effort into producing this book for you, and I want to thank them for it here.

I also want to thank Valentine Hayes.
You may not believe it now, 'but this year at South Fulton has been one of the happiest times in your life. We've given you this book to preserve some of the happiness. The rest is up to you.

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